## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## HEARING DAY MARCH 3, 2022

WHEREAS, hearing plays a critical role in communication, personal relationships, overall health outcomes, educational outcomes, psychological well-being and safety; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 37.5 million American adults report hearing problems; and

WHEREAS, about 2 to 3 out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with a detectable level of hearing loss in one or both ears; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of children born with a detectable level of hearing loss are born to hearing parents; and

WHEREAS, people with hearing loss benefit from early identification, hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive devices, speech-language pathology, captioning and other educational and social support forms; and

WHEREAS, on Hearing Day and throughout the year, organizations such as the North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center work to raise awareness about deafness and hearing loss and are dedicated to providing the resources needed to ensure the children who are deaf or hard of hearing can reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 3, 2022, HEARING DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE